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Will You?

The term for which many of our patrons subscribed, will expire with the next number, and we would therefore respectfully ask of them to come up and renew their subscriptions. We would also remind them that it costs us no small amount to furnish our paper to them, and while we don't feel inclined to turn them for the small sum of two dollars, we can't help but feel that their several amounts, all added together, would help us considerably.

We contemplate adopting the cash system soon, and fear we shall have to strike some names from our books. We do not want to do this, and therefore, for the first time in twelve months, call upon them to remember the printer.

State Officers.

We were very glad to see that our General Assembly, by an act passed at the last session and ratified on the 17th day of April last, had defined "the powers and duties of State Officers."

The new Constitution under which we are living differs very much in some respects from former ones, and particularly in creating new offices and consolidating others.

In the Executive Department there are two entirely new offices, the Superintendent of Public Instruction and of Public Works, both of which are of great and vital importance to the people of the State, whose duties as well as others had to be defined by the General Assembly. We think our Constitution a perfect model, especially as to State officers, there being a sufficient number to overlook and take care of all the varied interests of the State, each one acting in his proper sphere.

Previous to the passage of the act referred to, the Executive was encumbered with many duties really belonging to other departments; but this could not be avoided for the reason that there had been no legislative action upon the subject. The people of our State should congratulate themselves for having an Executive who has performed his duties so well and so satisfactorily. He is now relieved of many of his former duties; they have passed into other hands—the hands of persons like himself, selected by the people and fresh from the people, and who, we believe in all things, will act for their prosperity and happiness.

The great losses occasioned by the late rebellion will high ruin our whole people; though it is pleasant to see the energy exhibited all over the good old North State to recuperate, and especially, that she intends to carry forward her works of internal improvements, so that there will be, ere long, an entire and free communication with all her citizens from the mountains to the sea-shore. Inter-communication among the people of our State will be of greater advantage to them than the same is or would be to the people of any other State in the Union, because our climate is so varied that almost every kind of produce can be raised, unless it be, perhaps, the Tropical fruits.

The West should be proud in being represented in the Executive Department of the State by her noble son, Colonel C. L. Harris, Superintendent of Public Works, who, according to the 97th section of the act referred to shall have charge of the State's interest in all Railroads, Canals, and other works of internal improvement, and also of all public buildings which are the property of the State.

The 99th section also says: "It shall be his duty to vote either in person or by proxy, in behalf of the State, at all elections of Directors of Corporations or joint stock companies, at which the State is entitled to vote."

He that runs may read. The Superintendent of Public Works having now placed in his hands the power intended by the creation of his office, and so discussed before the people, becomes one of the most important officers in the State Government, for the act says, he "shall have charge of the State's interest in all Railroads, etc., and likewise makes it his duty to vote either in person or by proxy, in behalf of the State, at all elections of directors, etc., at which the State is entitled to vote."

Colonel Harris is not only a practical man, but he is a man of energy and ability; and we predict that the internal im-

provement system of the State will be carried forward as contemplated by the people, and that they will, from time to time, be informed fully and completely of its progress.

War.

London, May 12.—Initiatory steps have been taken for an alliance, offensive and defensive, between England, France, and Spain against the United States in view of the rejection of the Alabama treaty.

The above dispatch savors of war, yet we very much doubt whether the three powers combined would attempt such a thing, for they well know that the United States would not call it more than a "breakfast-spell" to whip them out, and they ought to further consider that Canada has been in the way of the United States for a number of years and it would be agreeable to the notions of Americans to add this little slice to Uncle Sam's dominions. We also need a little more suitable lands for figs, tobacco oranges &c., and Cuba is the very place, "just suited to our minds," and should these powers kick up a dust we have no doubt but that it will end in such manner.

It may be that this alliance has been formed believing that there was a sympathy in the South for a form of government like theirs, ruled over by a Emperor, King or Military Despot, true there may be some who would like such thing; and we may be permitted to say that we have heard men in this country use such expressions, but never a man who has fought or who would fight for any Government, those who advocate such measures are men, who fought none in the last war, and should there be another, will either find caves in the hills or who contemplate being excused from military service on account of some disability real or imaginary.

Our voice is for peace, we have had enough of wars and bloodshed, and would be glad that the sword might be turned into the plowshare forever, but being an American to the manor born, we would see America hold up its head and defy the powers of Europe in right nothing more nothing less. If to accept the treaty in regard to the settlement of the Alabama claims were dishonorable, then we say let us abide the decision of the Senate of the United States, and if England wishes to make a fuss over it let the responsibility rest with them not with us.

RECONSTRUCTION IN GEORGIA.—That reconstruction in Georgia is a failure, is plainly stamped upon almost every thing done in that State. The fact that the created much attention was expelling colored members from the Legislature, then from one end of the State to the other Ku Klux Klans commenced ordering Radicals to leave the State, then murders and assassinations became common and so far has it gone that the roses of ministers of the Gospel, will not shield them (if loyal to the United States) from the vengeance of these men who so hate the Government of the United States, we regret to see this State of things existing in the South as it is bound to make its condition worse. The Government is bound to put it down in some way, and in doing so many good men will be made to suffer for the crimes of these haters of the Government. The latest outbreak we have seen in chronicled in the following dispatch, taken from the Washington Chronicle.

ATLANTA, Ga., May 12.—A large number of Republicans from all parts of the State are relieving in this city, believing that death is certain if they go home. Among them are many members of the Legislature. A desperate attempt was made at Waynesboro', Burke county, last Sabbath to murder Rev. J. Spilman, president of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He had preached there, and induced many colored people to renounce allegiance to the Methodist Episcopal Church South and rejoin the mother Church A. K. K. gang planned his death, and picked the road leading from the hotel to the depot. A colored man guided him across the fields, and a voluntary guard of colored men accompanied him to the depot. There pistols were pointed at his head, and death seemed certain but by great efforts the colored people saved his life. He was charged with being a Radical; no other fault was found with him.

LIFE OF JEFFERSON DAVIS.—We have received from the publishers advance sheet of "the life of Jefferson Davis with a secret history of the Southern Confederacy," gathered behind the scenes at Richmond," written by E. A. Pollard. We have not had time to examine the same but knowing the ability of the writer, and his opportunities for obtaining information. We have no doubt, but that he will make this a readable book, and the work will be sold entirely by subscription, and a live agent is wanted in every county, to canvass for the same. For particulars as to territory, terms &c., address, National Publishing Company 26 South Seventh St., Philadelphia.

SPEECH OF MR. TYSON.—We are indebted to Bryan Tyson, Esq., for a copy of his speech delivered before the Everett Lyceum. We are obliged to him for the same, but would much rather he had sent us the other article mentioned in his letter.

HON. JONAS POOL.—This gentleman will please accept our thanks for public documents.

ATLANTIC AND NORTH CAROLINA RAILROAD.—We are indebted to the President of this road for a complimentary ticket from Goldsboro' to Morehead City and return—to attend the consolidation meeting at New Bern on the 2nd June we should be pleased to avail ourselves, of the opportunity of visiting our sea board friends and were it possible, should do so on this occasion, but a pressure of other business prevents us.

The Pacific Railroad.

In this column will be found an interesting account of the completion of this great work of internal improvement. The time required to make a trip from New York to San Francisco, will be between six and seven days; and the fare for first class passengers, \$175; second class, \$75.

Pres. Duff's Proclamation. The President of the United States of America issues the following proclamation, in pursuance of the provisions of that act of Congress, approved April 10th, 1869:

"I hereby designate the 6th day of July 1869, as the time for submitting the Constitution, passed by the Convention which met in Richmond, Virginia, on Tuesday, the 3rd day of December, 1867, to the voters of said State, registered at the date of such submission, viz: July 6th, 1868 for ratification or rejection; and submit to a separate vote the fourth clause of section one, article third of such Constitution, which is in the following words: [insert the disqualification clause.] and I also submit to a separate vote the 7th section of article three of the said Constitution, which is in the words following: [insert text of clause.] I direct the vote to be taken upon each of the above cited provisions alone and upon the other provisions of the said Constitution in the following manner, viz: Each voter favoring the ratification of the Constitution excluding the provisions above quoted, as framed by the Constitution of December 3d, 1869, shall express his judgment by voting 'For the Constitution.'"

Each voter favoring the rejection of the Constitution including the provisions above quoted, shall express his judgment by voting 'Against the Constitution.' Each voter will be allowed to cast a separate ballot for or against either or both of the provisions above quoted.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington this 14th day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the 93rd.

By the President:

U. S. GRANT.

HAMILTON FISL, Secretary of State.

PACIFIC RAILROAD.

Official Announcement.—Telegraphing the business strikes.—Rejoicing and congratulating.—Kinging of bells and other demonstrations.

PROMOTORY SEMIT, Utah, May 10. To the Associated Press.—The last rail spike is laid. The Pacific Railroad is completed. The point of junction is 1,086 miles west of Missouri river, and 680 miles east of Sacramento.

LELAND STANFORD, Central Pacific Railroad, T. C. DUFF, S. W. DILLON, JOHN DUFF, Union Pacific Railroad.

THE NEWS RECEIVED IN NEW YORK. New York, May 10. The last spike in the Pacific Railroad was driven today at five minutes past 3 o'clock P. M. New York time. San Francisco, Chicago, St. Louis, New Orleans, New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Plaster Cove, the end of the cable, were connected with Promontory Point by telegraph, and the hammer strokes of the last spike were duly transmitted according to arrangement.

When the news was received in New York a hundred guns were fired in City Hall Park, and Mayor Hall forwarded a congratulatory message to the Mayor of San Francisco. A commemorative celebration had previously been held in Trinity Church, at which a telegram forwarded by the Chamber of Commerce to the Chamber in San Francisco was read, and an address delivered by Rev. Dr. Vinson.

After prayer and reading of portions of the Episcopal service, the organ pealed and chimes rang as the large congregation left the church. Flags on the city hall and on many public and private buildings were displayed all day in honor to the great event.

RINGING THE BELLS IN PHILADELPHIA. Philadelphia, May 10. At 2:30 o'clock P. M. precisely, Philadelphia time, news was received of the driving of the last spike of the Pacific Railroad. Word was sent to the mayor in a few minutes the bells in Independence Hall and the various fire stations were rung, drawing crowds into the streets under the impression that a general alarm of fire was being rung. The people soon ascertained the reason of the ringing of the bells, and flags were immediately displayed everywhere. A large number of steam fire engines ranged in front of Independence Hall with screaming whistles and hose carriage bells ringing. Joy was expressed in every face at the completion of this great work of the country. The sudden flocking of the people to the State House reminded one of the reception of the news of the surrender of Lee's army when a similar scene was enacted.

THE REJOICING AT CHICAGO. Chicago, May 10. The celebration of the completion of the great inter-oceanic railroad connection today was the most successful affair of the kind that ever took place in Chicago, and probably in the West. It is entirely impromptu, and therefore almost every man, woman and child in the city did their part towards making it a success.

The procession was unique in appearance and immense in length, the lowest estimate putting it down at seven miles. During the moving of the procession, Vice-President Colfax received the following dispatch: "Promontory Summit, Utah, May 10. Hon. Schuyler Colfax, Vice-President: The rails were connected today. The prophecy of Benton is to-day a fact."

This is the way to India.

G. M. DODGE, "JOHN DUFF," "T. C. DUFFANT."

This evening Vice-President Colfax, Lieut. Governor Bross and others addressed large audiences at Liberty Hall, in which they spoke eloquently of the great era which this day marks in the history of our country. During the evening there was a general indulgence in fireworks, bonfires, illuminations, &c.

FREE TRADE AND THE PACIFIC RAILROAD.

A meeting of the American free trade League of New York was held at Cooper Institute tonight, at which many of the prominent members of the organization were present. Howard Potter called the assembly to order, and David Dudley Field presided. Addresses were delivered by Wm. C. Bryant and Ed. Atkinson, and the following resolution was adopted: "Resolved, That in the opening of the great Pacific Railroad to-day, connecting New York and San Francisco, we recognize a pledge not only for one country—one constitution and one destiny, but with a due regard to the revenue, for the freest sort of trade with all countries and all continents."

PERSONAL.

[No. 16.]

An Act Amending to the Act to Incorporate the Western North Carolina Railroad Company, Ratified the fifteenth day of February, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-eight, and of all other Acts Amending Thereto.

Section 1. The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact, That the act incorporating the Western North Carolina Railroad Company, ratified on the fifteenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, and of all other Acts amending thereto, be amended as follows, to wit: The capital stock of the Western North Carolina Railroad Company, for the Western Division of said road, shall be ten millions of dollars, and the capital stock of the Eastern Division shall be increased to six and one-half millions of dollars, and the State shall subscribe for the stock of said company, as now provided by law until the road shall be completed: Provided nevertheless, That, of the appropriation made for the eastern division of said road, a sum not exceeding eighty thousand dollars, shall be expended in the construction of a branch road leading from a point at or near Catawba Station, in said county, said branch not to exceed five miles in length.

Sec. 2. That the board of directors of the western division of said road, at any time by order of the stockholders of said division meeting, a quorum being present, either in person or by proxy, determine the question of the acceptance or rejection of this act.

Sec. 3. If a quorum of private stock, (represented either in person or by proxy) shall not be present at the first meeting as provided in the sixteenth section of this act, then it shall be lawful, and it shall be the duty of the President aforesaid, to call another meeting at some other time not exceeding thirty days and so on as often as necessary until a quorum is obtained.

Sec. 18. In the event the amendments proposed herein to the charter of the Western North Carolina Railroad Company, shall be accepted by the private stockholders, as herein provided, it shall be the duty of the Presidents of the Eastern and Western Division of said road to modify the Charter of this act, and to accept the same forthwith; and the Governor shall then immediately make proclamation thereof in three newspapers within the State; whereupon this act shall be in full force and effect.

Sec. 19. Provided, That on or before the day upon which the first coupon of the bonds authorized to be issued by this act, shall become due the President of the above named railroad company shall pay to the Public Treasurer of this State, in cash or matured coupons of bonds, upon which the Public Treasurer is made to pay the interest under this act, the sum of ninety thousand dollars; and on or before the day upon which the second coupon of the bonds authorized by this act shall become due, the President of the above railroad company shall pay in like manner the sum of ninety thousand dollars; and on or before the day upon which the third coupon of the bonds authorized by this act shall become due, the President of the above railroad company shall pay in like manner the sum of ninety thousand dollars; and on or before the day upon which the fourth coupon of the bonds authorized by this act shall become due, the President of the above railroad company shall pay in like manner the sum of ninety thousand dollars; and on or before the day upon which the fifth coupon of the bonds authorized by this act shall become due, the President of the above railroad company shall pay in like manner the sum of ninety thousand dollars; and on or before the day upon which the sixth coupon of the bonds authorized by this act shall become due, the President of the above railroad company shall pay in like manner the sum of ninety thousand dollars; and on or before the day upon which the seventh coupon of the bonds authorized by this act shall become due, the President of the above railroad company shall pay in like manner the sum of ninety thousand dollars; and on or before the day upon which the eighth coupon of the bonds authorized by this act shall become due, the President of the above railroad company shall pay in like manner the sum of ninety thousand dollars; and on or before the day upon which the ninth coupon of the bonds authorized by this act shall become due, the President of the above railroad company shall pay in like manner the sum of ninety thousand dollars; 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LOCAL EDITOR.



RUTHERFORDTON, N. C.

THURSDAY, MAY 20, 1869.

LOCAL AND STATE.

If a man can't pay his shoemaker, is his

sole in danger of being lost?

See Advertisements of J. B. Carpenter

and Co., in another column.

George B. McCallan has been recom-

mended to the *Imperialist* as the man for

the job.

The *Imperialist* copies considerably from

the *Goldensboro Messenger*. This shows which

way the wind blows.

The Asheville *Pioneer* learns that Re-

venue officer J. H. Wild, was recently shot at

and slightly wounded in the right leg, by a dis-

sent.

FOOTING.—A small key was found last Tues-

day between the Methodist and Presbyterian churches.

The owner can get it by calling at this office.

The *Tabor* has discovered that the

Standard is not a respectable sheet.

Strong! That this should have been said

from the wise and prudent and revealed

to the public.

STAB-BLING NEWS.—Thousands of tur-

pentine trees have recently been destroyed by fire,

in the vicinity of Newberry. The *Times* wants

more trees planted than the burnt district, but

we hope our friends down East will not re-

joice.

THE PRACTICAL PAINTER.—We have received

the second and third numbers of a neat little

paper devoted to Painting. Persons wishing in-

formation on this subject, would do well to sub-

scribe for this paper. It is published monthly

at 50 cents per year. Address Practical Painter,

57 Park Row, New York.

THE MARYVILLE REPUBLICAN.—The above

paper published at Maryville, Tennessee, is one

of our valued ex-changes. A true Republic, and

being published by a colored gentleman, shows

that the colored race can succeed as well as

white men if they only possess energy and

perseverance. Long may the *Republican* wave.

WANT TO KNOW.—Will the Editors of the

Asheville News tell us whether they knew all

the time that the *Imperialist*, over which they

made such an outcry, was owned and edited by

Virginia and Tennessee, or were they really

ignorant, not knowing about what they were

writing? Come Gentlemen! Which, *fools* or

knowers?

FOOT.—There was frost here this morning,

without mist. We saw it! As it was

slight, we hope crops were not greatly injured

by it. Fruit, we understand, was a good sucker

any way. This is probably the latest frost

that has fallen in this country for many years.

In contrast, just think of their eating watermelons

in the Eastern part of the State.

THE UNIVERSITY.—We notice from an ad-

vertisement in the *Standard* that a meeting of the

Trustees of the University of North Carolina, is

called, to meet at Chapel Hill on Thursday, 10th

June next. We believe that persons from West-

ern North Carolina are appointed visitors:

A. L. Davidson, Cherokee; R. M. Pearson,

Yadkin; G. W. Logan, Rutherford; J. L. Hen-

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Is the Editor of the Pioneer a

married man? If not, how can he get off

such hard poetry on the ladies? Hilar-

ity!

"What is woman but a bubble,

Bunch of pride and pack of trouble—

Ever glib of tongue?

Laughing now, their hearts a throbbing—

To-day they're sick, tomorrow sobbing—

Be they old or young, &c.

Well, woman is an enigma; but let us

remember—

When pain or sickness lays its heavy hand

Upon us, who like so stinging angels stand

Beside us in afflictions trying hour,

What fairy hand turns off with magic power

The heavy blow, but woman—fragile flower;

But strongest, purest, truest friend to man.

The Newberry *Times* man helped to eat

a watermelon weighing 111 pounds last week.

We never do such things up here. It is a very

unhealthy business, eating watermelons so early

in the season.

New Goods.—Dr. J. M. Craton has just received

a fine stock of new goods, which he offers cheap.

Give him a call, and examine his stock for your-

selves.

See Card of Messrs. Churchill &

Whitcomb announcing the opening of an

office in Columbus, one week in each

month.

See in another column an Ab-

stract of the indebtedness of this county

to the State.

The Brooklyn Life Insurance Com-

pany offer splendid inducements to those

who wish to insure. This Company is

reliable and is doing a large business in

this section of the State. We think all

should insure, for life is uncertain, and a

small amount invested will leave a snug

sum for those to whom the policy is is-

ued.

A PUNNING CATEGORY.—A Baltimore

cat has decided that cats are property—

Exchange.

Presume they come in under the head of

new-stal instruments.—*Southern Sentinel*.

Come, friend "Mit," you must do better

than that. We consider it a most unill-

luminous pun.—*Meridian Gazette*.

If friend Allen will remove that cat

he might perceive a pin.—*Southern Sen-*

tinel.

"Mit" when we see you again the cat

will appear in "Scene First"—or else worse

cat o' mine will bear a conspicuous part.

—*Meridian Gazette*.

Prefer to take a cocktail? But

Requie—sent in pencil.

—*Southern Sentinel*.

The above is about as horrible a cat as

as yet appeared in the dominions of wit.

—*Victory Herald*.

We understand that immediately after

perpetrating the above, the *Hill* cat

was attacked by cat-slay and could only

be revived by the application of a cataplasm

—*Meridian Gazette*.

The last link in the above cat-ennium cat,

plague of cat-ennium punning, we conceive

to be decidedly cat-ennium.—*Victory Her-*

ald.

The editors quoted above seem to be so

severely alloted with cat-ennium fever, or

overdose their readers with cat-ennium

seasoning. Sent!—*Canton, Mississippi Mail*.

Home again, from afar-sign shore. Be

still my man! Don't make such jokes a

cat-paw to all your pure.—*Wit Post*.

The above pure-formance is very

a-musing. But, if you possess a cat-ennium

of brains, please before cat-ennium another

such cat-ennium upon your readers.

MARRIED.

BALLARD—GLAZIER—Married on the 15th

inst., by James Hamilton, Esq. R. H. BAL-

lard, Esq., of Henderson county, aged 78 years,

to Miss SARAH E. GLAZIER, of Transylvania

county, aged 28 years.

POKOR—REINHARDT—Married on the 14th

inst., by Rev. R. N. Taylor, Dr. J. J. FOWLER,

of Denver City, Colorado, to Miss S. J. REINHARDT,

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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POETRY.

Written for the Star.

A PRAYER.

BY PERCY.

O Lord, who reignest far above
The cloudless space—the twinkling star,
Incline Thine All-wise ear, in love,
To hear a humble sinner's prayer.

The ocean cap'd by hills, the crystal stream,
The ocean wave, the thunder's roar—
The dismal raging of the storm,
Are emblems of Thy mighty power.

My sins are like a mountain high,
My guilty heart a desert land,
In which the building lodge is hid,
And wither in the sultry air.

O hear, and bid my mind repose,
My downy heart revive, I pray,
And ere approaching life shall close,
Prepare me for a better day.

And while upon my bended knee,
The thoughts of Jesus sufferings come,
I raise my sinful tongue to Thee,
And murmur, "Lord Thy will be done."

Let angels guard my lovely bed,
In sleepless hours, be Thine my guide;
And when my soul from earth has fled,
O take me safely to Thy side.

DEAR HUSBAND, COME HOME.

THE WIFE AT HOME TO HER HUSBAND IN THE LEGISLATURE.

Husband, dear husband, come home to me now,
From the city and State House so warm,
The lonely widow you, why do you not come
And see to the things on the farm?
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you the reception of a second missive assuring him the "young widow" would be at home at the time designated. Arriving in his "best" he went to New York, and at 8 o'clock on the Tuesday evening appointed he walked up the brown-stone steps of a brown-stoned front on Eighth street, and pulled the door-bell. This was answered by a servant, who ushered him into the reception room. He was informed that Mrs. DeForest was "in," upon which he handed the servant his card and requested its immediate delivery to the "young widow." Shortly after the parlor door opened and a splendidly dressed lady entered the room and at once approached the young man, seized him by the hand, and expressed her pleasure at meeting him.

A critical examination of the young woman's features and "style" resulted in the discovery of one of the handsomest types of beauty that our gentleman had ever beheld. He looked, and as he gazed his heart was smitten. She gazed, and as she looked she seemed to be delighted with the manly form before her. After some ordinary talk about the weather, Lent, and the opera, the young widow suddenly changing the subject, said: "I suppose we may as well talk about the matter which we have met to consider."

As she said this she looked searchingly yet tenderly, into the eyes of the young gentleman, and after a moment's pause, said: "I presume you would like to know who I am, and why I advertised for a life partner, wouldn't you?" "Certainly," replied the young gentleman, "I have no objections."

At this Mrs. DeForest—the dashing young widow in want of a husband—began a narrative which it is not necessary here to give at length. She told how she married, how her husband died while they were traveling in Europe, how he left her an immense property valued at nearly a million of dollars, how a hundred young fellows had offered her their hands and hearts, how she had resolved to marry a stranger if she could find one "suited to her mind," how her relatives had consented to this course, and how, constant her efforts would be to make the man happy with whom she might enter the bonds of wedlock. So rapidly did the strange beauty talk that our young gentleman found it difficult to get in a single word, "eagerly," as the saying goes. She continued her story, which was one of marvelous adventure considering that the narrator was so young and so beautiful, and had begun to explain her pedigree, when a man's voice in the hallway outside said, "Where's Annie?" At the same time a gentleman opened the door and entered the parlor. "Look here," said he, addressing the dashing young widow, "you go up stairs. Up to your old tricks again I see. I supposed you were, and that's the reason why I watched you."

This interruption broke the susceptible heart of the young gentleman like a terrible calamity, and the effect was greatly heightened when the young widow commenced to pour out a volume of epigrams on the intruder quite as inelegant as they were profane. Here was a nice fix for our adventurous young gentleman. He turned pale with surprise; and, addressing the gentleman, said, "but I hope you will allow me to explain." "Oh, that's all right," said the stranger; "I'll fix that with you as soon as I get this unfortunate young woman to her room."

With considerable difficulty the young widow was removed, and when the gentleman returned "our hero" was informed that the woman was crazy, and that a constant watch had to be kept over her to prevent her from having similar interviews with strangers. Our young gentleman begged a thousand pardons, and was shown the door. He at once returned home, and vows that he will never be caught in the matrimonial advertisement trap again.

WITHIN YOUR MEANS.

"This is pleasant," exclaimed a young husband, taking his seat in the rocking chair as the supper things were removed. The fire glowing in the grate, revealed a pretty and neatly furnished sitting-room with all the appliances of comfort. The fatiguing business of the day was over, and he sat enjoying what he had all day been anticipating, the delight of his own fireside. His pretty wife, Esther, took her work and sat down by the table.

"It is pleasant to have a home of one's own, he again said, taking a satisfactory survey of his little quarters. The cold rain beat against the windows, and he thought he felt really grateful for all his present comforts.

"Now, if we only had a piano," exclaimed the wife.

"Give me the music of your own sweet voice before all piano in creation," he observed, complacently; but he felt a certain secret disappointment that his wife's thankfulness did not chime with his own.

"Well, we want one for our friends," exclaimed the wife.

"Let our friends come to see us, and not to hear a piano," exclaimed the husband.

"But, George, everybody has a piano, now adays—we don't go anywhere without seeing a piano," persisted his wife.

"And yet I don't know what you want one for—you will have no time to play on one, and I don't want to hear it."

"Why, they are so fashionable—I think our room looks so naked without one."

"I think it looks just right," "I think it looks very naked—we want a piano shockingly," protested Esther, emphatically.

The husband rocked violently. "Your lamp smokes, my dear," said he after a long pause.

"When are you going to get a camphene lamp? I have told you a dozen times how much we need one," said Esther, pettishly.

"There are very pretty lamps—I never can see by a camphene lamp, said his husband. "These lamps are the prettiest of the kind I ever saw."

"But, George, I do not think our room is complete without a camphene lamp," said Esther, sharply. "They are so fashionable! Why, the Morgans and the Millers, and many others I might mention, all have them; I am sure we ought to."

"We ought not to take pattern by other people's expenses and I don't see any reason in that."

The husband moved uneasily in his chair.

"We want to live as well as others," said Esther.

"We want to live within our means, Esther," exclaimed George.

"I am sure you can afford it as well as the Morgans and Millers and Thorns; we do not wish to appear mean."

"Mean! I am not mean!" he cried angrily.

"Then we do not wish to appear so," said his wife. "To complete this room and make it look like other people's, we want a piano and camphene lamp."

"We want—we want!" muttered the husband; "there's no satisfying woman's want, do what you may," and he abruptly left the room.

How many husbands are in a similar dilemma? How many houses and husbands are rendered uncomfortable by the constant dissatisfaction of a wife with present comforts and present provisions? How many bright prospects for business have ended in bankruptcy and ruin in order to satisfy this secret hankering after fashionable necessities! Could the real cause of many failures be known, it would be found to result from useless expenditures at home—expenses to answer the demands of fashion and "what will the people think?"

"My wife has made my fortune," said a gentleman of great possessions, "by her thrift and prudence, and cheerfulness when I was just beginning."

"And mine has lost my fortune," answered his companion, "by useless extravagance and repining when it was doing well."

What a world does this open to the envious which a wife possesses over the future prosperity of her family! Let the wife know her influence, and try to use it wisely and well.

Be satisfied to commence on a small scale. It is too common for young housekeepers to begin where their mothers ended. Buy all that is necessary to work skillfully with; adorn your house with all that will make it comfortable. Do not look at richer homes, and covet their costly furniture. If secret dissatisfaction is ready to spring up, go a step further, and visit the homes of the suffering poor; behold cold, cheerless apartments, insufficient clothing and absence of all the comforts and refinements of social life, and then return to your own with a joyful spirit. You will then be prepared to meet your husband with a grateful heart, and be ready to appreciate the toil of self-denial which he has endured in the business world to surround you with the delights of home; and you will be ready to co-operate cheerfully with him in so arranging your expenses that his mind will not be constantly harassed with fears lest his family expenses may encroach upon public pay-ments.

Be independent; a young house-keeper never needs greater moral courage than she does now to resist the arraigning of fashion. Do not let A's and B's decide what you must have, neither let them hold the strings of your purse. You know best what you can and ought to afford. It matters little what people think, provided you are to yourself and family.

A LUNATIC ASYLUM.—Mary McConville, who claims to be the wife of James McConville, daughter of James McDewen, mother of Eli and Preston McConville, and a captive of the Yankees some time during the war, came in stump round District, Onslow county, N. C., about the year of 1865.

She expresses a desire to return home, but is unable to find the way herself, or to tell the county, State or town in which she lived during her sanity.

For further information of the above named lunatic, address Elijah Williams, Wilmington, N. C., care Higgins & Co. All Southern editors will please copy.—*Wm. Journal.*

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